

CHINESE COPYRIGHT.

Concerning Chinese Copyright is the title of an amusing little sketch in *Black and White*. It seems that an author and a critic were discussing the copyright question at an "At Home," where literary people were gathered. The critic volunteered the statement that he had no copyright in his country. "But you have books in China?" suggested the author. "Who writes them?" he answered. "We do not begin as young men by writing. No one writes a book until he has gained money in his Government office or in his profession. Then, perhaps, when he is rich and has leisure, but not till then—he thinks of an idea which he would like to communicate to his fellow countrymen. So he writes a book and publishes it."

"How many copies are printed?" asked the author.

"Perhaps two thousand."

"Are you sure the idea catches on with the public?"

"If the idea is a good one, and more people wish to learn it, someone will print the book again, and publish it in another part, and so on until it has gone through the country. Without the leave of the writer?" asked the author.

"He has no more concern with it when it is published," replied the Chinaman. "He would not earn money in this way. He has been commended, and that is his reward."

"Well, I'm damned!" said the author.

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LATE TELEGRAMS.

A ZANABAR SLAVE TRADER CAPTURED AND EXECUTED.

London, 12th January.

Advises have been received that Consul Johnston has captured a Zanzibar slave trader, who had been active in the slave trade, in which the Arabs took two hundred men.

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The Transvaal Minister at the Hague, who is now here, has been interested and expressed his opinion that all was ending well and there was no thought of denouncing the Convention of 1884.

London, 14th January.

The German press is busy in discussing the Transvaal question and the tension is rising.

The Uitlanders arrested include the managers of the principal firms connected with land and free prominent Americans.

London, 15th January.

Lord Salisbury, replying to the message from Australia, said that nothing gives the Government greater confidence to uphold the rights of the country than the approval and goodwill of our great colonies.

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The hired troopship *Victoria* from Bombay with the Royal Lancaster Regiment on board has arrived at Cape Town.

The Transvaal Volksraad has passed a resolution granting a large increase in the salaries of the members. A vote of thanks was also passed to the Hon. J. H. Hofmeyr and Sir Jacobus de Wet for their powerful and prompt support in averting bloodshed.

Mr. Chamberlain has telegraphed to Sir Hercules Robinson that he has been arrested at the local business men connected with the principal firms in the Rand will disorganize the industries of the country. He is enquiring of what they were accused and what are the penalties.

The latest advice from Pretoria state that the Volksraad met for the discussion of the crisis in the Transvaal, but adjourned owing to the excited feelings of the members.

15th January.

Sir Hercules Robinson and President Kruger have finally arranged that Dr. Jameson and his officers are to be conveyed to England for trial, and that the members of the Volksraad are to be conveyed to the Cape from Pretoria.

17th January.

Sir Hercules Robinson telegraphs that the prisoners at Pretoria, between fifty and sixty in number, are mostly Rand reformers. They are charged with high treason. It is alleged that President Kruger has evinced a plot to watch the trial of the prisoners at the Transvaal High Court.

London, 18th January.

The Pretoria Office telegraphs that President Kruger has hitherto made no demand, and reserves them until the country is pacified. He is, however, absolutely resolved to maintain the complete independence of the Transvaal, and the grievances of the Uitlanders will be settled when quietude is restored.

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